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SUBJECT: TREATY NEGOTIATIONS.

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1) SUMMARY: FOREIGN MINISTER TACK DESIRES TO TOUR US IN MAY WHILE HE IS IN WASHINGTON IN CONNECTION WITH CANAL TREATY NEGOTIATIONS. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE DRUING FM MEETING IN US IN APRIL INVITE FOREIGN MINISTER TACK TO MAKE TOUR OF U.S. FOR AS LONG AS 30 DAYS UNDER CU TRAVEL GRANT.

2) FOREIGN MINSITER TACK SAID THAT HE WOULD BE IN US FOR OAS FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING IN APRIL IN ATLANTA AND WOULD ALSO PARTICIPATE IN PRIOR INFORMAL MEETING WHICH HE SAID SECRETARY HAD PROPOSED DURING MEETING IN MEXICO CITY. AFTER OAS MEETING, HE HOPED TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS WITH AMBASSADOR BUNKER WHICH HE SAID WOULD BE RESUMED IN PANAMA CITY DURING FIRST PART OF APRIL. HE ALSO HOPED TO MEET WITH SECRETARY.

3) FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT HE REALIZED NEGOTIATIONS WOULD NOT BE CONTINUOUS IN MAY AND INDICATED DESIRE TO VISIT VARIOUS PLACES IN U.S. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT I PREVIOUSLY INVITED FOREIGN MINISTER TO ACCEPT LEADER GRANT WHICH HE HAD TO TURN DOWN. FOREIGN MINISTER WAS OBVIOUSLY REOPENING QUESTION AND I SAID THAT I
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WOULD BE PLEASED TO LOOK INTO MATTER.

4) FOREIGN MINISTER HAS SEEN LITTLE OF U.S. AND IT
WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL TO RELATIONS GENERALLY AND TO
TREATY NEGOTIATIONS SPECIFICALLY IF SECRETARY COULD
INVITE FOREIGN MINISTER TO TOUR U.S. FOR FIFTEEN OR
TWENTY DAYS WHILE HE IS IN U.S. FOR TREATY NEGOTIATIONS.
TACK DEMURRED ON PREVIOUS PROPOSAL BECAUSE HE WOULD
HAVE HAD TROUBLE EXPLAINING IT POLITICALLY. HE APPARENTLY
FEELTS IF HE IS ALREADY IN U.S. AT HIS OWN INITIATIVE
IT WILL NOT POSE POLITICAL PROBLEM FOR HIM TO TAKE TOUR
OF U.S. AT USG INVITATION. FOREIGN MINISTER SAID
MRS. TACK WILL BE ACCOMPANYING HIM TO U.S. IN APRIL.
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